

**RULES  
OF  
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
CENTRAL SERVICES DIVISION**

**CHAPTER 1680-7-1  
OVERWEIGHT AND OVERDIMENSIONAL  
MOVEMENTS ON TENNESSEE HIGHWAYS**

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**1680-7-1-.01 FORWARD-PURPOSE.**

(1) To prescribe rules in the interest of public safety and preservation of highways, for the issuance and or renewal of special permits for the transportation of such oversize, overweight or overlength articles or commodities as cannot be reasonably dismantled or conveniently transported otherwise, and for the operation of such superheavy or overweight vehicles, motor trucks, semi-trailers and trailers, whose gross weight, including load, weight, height or length, may exceed statutory limits, or which in other respects fail to comply with requirements of the Tennessee Code Annotated, as may be reasonably necessary for the transportation of such oversize, overweight or overlength articles or commodities as cannot be reasonably dismantled or conveniently transported otherwise.

(2) These rules apply whenever any of the following limits are exceeded:

(a) **GENERAL SIZE AND WEIGHT LIMITATIONS**

Gross Weight            80,000 lbs. provided however, that freight motor vehicles shall not be operated on the interstate system where the gross weight exceeds 73,280 lbs. or where the weight exceeds 18,000 lbs. on any single axle or where the weight exceeds 32,000 lbs. on any tandem axle group unless the weight is distributed on a group of 2 or more consecutive axles by application of the formula set forth in *T.C.A. §55-7-203*.

Single Axle                20,000 lbs. except as provided above.

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Tandem Axle	34,000 lbs. except as provided above.	
Width	8 ft. 6 in. on the Federal and State Highway System.	
Height		13 ft. 6 in.
Length:		
Straight Truck		40 ft.
Straight Truck with trailer attached		65 ft.
Truck tractor and semi-trailer or trailer combination	The towed vehicle shall not exceed 50 ft. in length from the point of attachment to the tractor. If the towed vehicle exceeds 48 ft. in length from the point of attachment to the tractor, the distance between the kingpin and the rearmost axle or a point midway between the two rear axles, if the two rear axles are a tandem axle, shall not exceed 41 ft.	
Except, if		
Transporting livestock or automobiles and/or motor vehicles		52 ft. in length from the point of attachment to the tractor
Or, if		
Transporting poles, logs or timber in single length pieces		75 ft. total length
Truck-tractor and Twin Trailer combination		28 ft. 6 in. either towed vehicle

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**1680-7-1-.02 GENERAL INFORMATION-PERMITS.**

- (1) An original permit shall be in the possession of the driver of the permitted vehicle at all times during the authorized move.
- (2) No permit shall be issued when the issuing authority deems a movement to be unsafe or detrimental to the traveling public, or if the highway cannot accommodate the move.
- (3) When the permitted vehicle exceeds fifteen (15') feet in height the permittee shall determine all vertical clearances by use of a front escort vehicle having protrusions equal to the height of the permitted vehicle. The escort vehicle shall be capable of immediately advising the permitted vehicle, and shall do so whenever any actual vertical clearance is less than such height. The permitted vehicle shall follow the escort vehicle at such a distance and at such a speed as will permit stopping on receipt of advice that any vertical clearance is less than the height of the permitted vehicle.
- (4) Routes of travel shall be strictly followed.

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- (5) Permits will normally be issued for movements during daylight hours only from sunrise to sunset on Monday through Saturday. (Daylight is defined as one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset local time as established by the National Weather Service). Time of movement may be further restricted by the issuing authority based upon factors such as type of load, traffic volume, roadway condition and route of move. However, permits issued exclusively for overweight movements may be obtained subject to the restrictions imposed by Rule 1680-7-1-.09 for continuous movement twenty-four (24) hours per day, Monday through Sunday.
- (6) Permits will not be issued for movement on Sundays, holidays or nighttime except when the necessity for the movement is created by an emergency or in the interest of national defense. Permits for emergency movement of any nature will be considered only upon submission of a justification statement by the applicant, provided a permit will be issued based on the severity of the emergency and need for action to protect life or property.
- (7) The American Association of State Highways and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) policy pertaining to emergency movement of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) mobile homes shall govern the movement of such units to a declared disaster area.
- (8) No permits will be issued for movement on the day the following holidays are observed:
  - (a) New Year's Day - January 1
  - (b) Good Friday - Friday before Easter
  - (c) Memorial Day - Last Monday in May
  - (d) Independence Day - July 4
  - (e) Labor Day - First Monday in September
  - (f) Thanksgiving Day - Fourth Thursday in November
  - (g) Christmas Day - December 25
- (9) Movement under special permit will not be allowed during inclement weather when conditions prevail which would make the movement unsafe.
- (10) Any person, firm, company or corporation that undertakes the movement of any overweight and/or overdimensional piece(s) of equipment and/or commodity contrary to the provisions of *T.C.A. §59-11-205* and to the provisions of these regulations shall, at the discretion of the Commissioner of Transportation, be denied further permit(s) for such overweight and/or overdimensional movement for such period of time, not to exceed one (1) year, as the Commissioner of Transportation, in exercising such discretion, shall deem appropriate.
- (11) No permit fees will be refunded after issuance.
- (12) Every special permit will be issued on the condition that the permittee accepts and uses it at his or her own risk, even though all instructions, directions, and requirements of the Department have been followed.
- (13) Any motor vehicle having a load or vehicle component which extends more than four inches (4") beyond the sides of the vehicle or more than four feet (4') beyond the rear of the vehicle shall have the

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extremities of the load marked with a red flag, not less than twelve inches (12”) square, at each point where a lamp is required by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations under 49 C.F.R. §393.11, Table 1.

- (14) All permit holders requiring travel off of the state highway system are responsible for coordination with the local government having jurisdiction of such other roads.

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**1680-7-1-.03 APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT.**

- (1) Applications for special permits may be made in person, by letter or by telephone to the Supervisor of Overweight and Overdimensional Permits, Suite 300, James K. Polk State Office Building, 505 Deaderick St., Nashville, TN 37243-0331.
- (2) The applicant must provide the following information:
- (a) Name of Applicant
  - (b) Address of Applicant
  - (c) Description of article and/or commodity to be moved
  - (d) Method of moving - (Truck & Trailer, Towing by Truck, Under own Power, etc.)
  - (e) Overall dimensions and/or gross weight of load
  - (f) Number and spacing of Axles, including steering (if overweight)
  - (g) Origin and Destination of movement within Tennessee
  - (h) Proposed highway routes over which movement will be made
  - (i) Proposed effective date of permit
  - (j) Address to which permit is to be transmitted and method of transmittal

**Authority:** T.C.A. §55-7-205. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified June 10, 1974. Amendment filed September 23, 1976; effective October 24, 1976. Repeal and new rule filed July 1, 1982; effective August 2, 1982. Repeal and new rule filed October 31, 1985; effective November 30, 1985. Repeal and new rule filed June 19, 1991; effective August 3, 1991. Rule has been assigned a new control number from 1680-2-2-.03 filed and effective February 1, 2003.

**1680-7-1-.04 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING SPECIAL PERMITS TO MOVE SUPERHEAVY AND/OR EXTRA OVERDIMENSIONAL MOVEMENTS.**

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- (1) Movement of superheavy and/or extra overdimensional loads essential to health, welfare, safety or defense may be permitted provided the highway can accommodate the move, and the move is not considered to be detrimental or unsafe for the other traveling public.
  - (a) Application must be made in writing to the Supervisor of Overweight and Overdimensional Permits and must contain in addition to the information stated above, the following:
    1. Complete and detailed proposal of movement
    2. Detailed sketch of vehicle and load
    3. Tire sizes and contact pressures
    4. Distance between axles
    5. Load distribution to axles
    6. Overall length, width and height of movement
    7. Detailed traffic control proposal
    8. Any other information required
- (2) Application should be submitted with sufficient advance notice since the Department may require engineering examinations. In the event extensive engineering examinations are required the applicant shall, in advance, pay the Department for estimated costs of such examinations. Following completion of such examinations, actual cost will be established, and the applicant shall be responsible for such cost.
- (3) Special permits for superheavy and/or extra overdimensional movements shall be issued or withheld at the sole discretion of the Department based on engineering judgment of the necessity for, importance of, and safety of movement, alternative methods of transportation, and possible damage to roadway and appurtenances.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §55-7-205. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified June 10, 1974. Amendment filed May 1, 1975; effective May 31, 1975. Amendment filed January 6, 1976; effective February 5, 1976. Amendment filed September 23, 1976; effective October 24, 1976. Repeal and new rule filed July 1, 1982; effective August 2, 1982. Repeal and new rule filed October 31, 1985; effective November 30, 1985. Repeal and new rule filed June 19, 1991; effective August 3, 1991. Rule has been assigned a new control number from 1680-2-2-.04 filed and effective February 1, 2003.

**1680-7-1-.05 DURATION OF SPECIAL PERMITS.**

- (1) Six (6) weekdays.
- (2) Annual special permits may be available as set forth in T.C.A. §§55-7-205(g)(5) and 55-7-205(g)(6).

**Authority:** T.C.A. §55-7-205. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified June 10, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed July 1, 1982; effective August 2, 1982. Repeal and new rule filed October 31, 1985; effective November 30, 1985. Repeal and new rule filed June 19, 1991; effective August 3, 1991. Rule has been assigned a new control number from 1680-2-2-.05 filed and effective February 1, 2003.

**1680-7-1-.06 CONDITIONS FOR PERMITTING OVERWIDTH MOVEMENTS.**

- (1) Movements over eight feet six inches (8'6") wide but not exceeding ten feet (10') wide: No escorts, special signs, lights and/or markings will be required.
- (2) Movements over ten feet (10') wide but not exceeding twelve feet six inches (12'6") wide:
  - (a) No escort will be required to accompany the movement on the interstate highway system, four-lane highways or two-lane highways with a minimum pavement width (excluding paved shoulders) of twenty-four feet (24').
  - (b) One (1) escort vehicle is required to precede the movement where the minimum pavement width (excluding paved shoulders) is less than twenty-four feet (24').
  - (c) A flagperson will be required at all bridge structures where the roadway width is less than twenty feet (20').
  - (d) The front and rear of the movement shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.20.
  - (e) Escort vehicles shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.21.
  - (f) At the discretion of the issuing authority, time of movement may be further restricted due to:
    1. Route to be traveled
    2. Weather conditions
    3. Traffic density
    4. Length of daylight hours
- (3) Movements over twelve feet six inches (12'6") wide but not exceeding fourteen feet (14') wide:
  - (a) One (1) escort vehicle is required to follow the movement on the interstate highway system or four-lane highways.
  - (b) One (1) escort vehicle is required to precede the movement on two-lane highways.
  - (c) A flagperson will be required at all bridge structures where the roadway width is less than twenty feet (20').
  - (d) The front and rear of the movement shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.20.
  - (e) Escort vehicles shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.21.
  - (f) At the discretion of the issuing authority, time of movement may be further restricted due to:
    1. Route to be traveled
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    3. Traffic density
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- (4) Movements over fourteen feet (14') wide but not exceeding sixteen feet (16') wide:

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- (a) Front and rear escort vehicles are required on all highways.
- (b) The towing vehicle and escort vehicles shall be so equipped as to be in radio communication at all times during the movement.
- (c) A flagperson will be required at all bridge structures where the roadway width is less than twenty feet (20').
- (d) The front and rear of the movement shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.20.
- (e) Escort vehicles shall be marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.21.
- (f) At the discretion of the issuing authority, time of movement may be further restricted due to:
  1. Route to be traveled
  2. Weather conditions
  3. Traffic density
  4. Length of daylight hours

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**1680-7-1-.07 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR EQUIPMENT WITH BLADES.**

- (1) In the interest of safety, equipment such as but not limited to bulldozers with blades or other protruding sharp objects of any kind which create an overwidth exceeding ten feet six inches (10'6") but not exceeding thirteen feet six inches (13'6"), will be loaded in such a manner to place the blade or protruding sharp object to the rear of the hauling equipment.
- (2) No permit will be issued for blades or protruding sharp objects creating width in excess of thirteen feet six inches (13'6").

**Authority:** T.C.A. §55-7-205. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified June 10, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed July 1, 1982; effective August 2, 1982. Repeal and new rule filed October 31, 1985; effective November 30, 1985. Repeal and new rule filed June 19, 1991; effective August 3, 1991. Amendment filed February 25, 2000; effective June 28, 2000. Amendment filed January 25, 2001; effective May 31, 2001. Rule has been assigned a new control number from 1680-2-2-.07 filed and effective February 1, 2003.

**1680-7-1-.08 WIDTH IN EXCESS OF SIXTEEN FEET (16').**

Generally, movements in excess of sixteen feet (16') will not be permitted. A movement needed in the interest of the public welfare, safety, health or defense may be permitted as provided in Rule 1680-7-1-.04 upon submission of proof of necessity, provided the movement is not considered to be detrimental or unsafe to the traveling public and the highway can accommodate the movement.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §55-7-205. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified June 10, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed July 1, 1982; effective August 2, 1982. Repeal and new rule filed October 31, 1985; effective November 30,

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1985. Repeal and new rule filed June 19, 1991; effective August 3, 1991. Amendments filed January 25, 2001; effective May 31, 2001. Rule has been assigned a new control number from 1680-2-2-.08 filed and effective February 1, 2003.

**1680-7-1-.09 CONDITIONS FOR PERMITTING OVERWEIGHT MOVEMENTS.**

- (1) Maximum allowable axle weights by special permit.
  - (a) Tandem Axle 40,000 pounds
  - (b) Single Axle 20,000 poundsIn no case shall a single axle in a tandem group exceed 20,000 pounds.
- (2) Movements with gross weight exceeding 150,000 pounds must be approved by the Structures Division before a special permit can be issued.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §55-7-205. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified June 10, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed July 1, 1982; effective August 2, 1982. Repeal and new rule filed October 31, 1985; effective November 30, 1985. Repeal and new rule filed June 19, 1991; effective August 3, 1991. Rule has been assigned a new control number from 1680-2-2-.09 filed and effective February 1, 2003.

**1680-7-1-.10 CONDITIONS FOR PERMITTING OVERHEIGHT MOVEMENTS.**

- (1) Height in excess of thirteen feet six inches (13'6")
  - (a) Special routing may be required.
- (2) A special permit shall be required for all movements whose height exceeds thirteen feet six inches (13'6"), provided that where the height exceeds fifteen feet (15') the following provisions shall govern:
  - (a) Generally permits for movements in excess of fifteen (15') feet will not be issued. A permit may be issued upon submission of proof of necessity that the movement is needed in the interest of the public welfare, safety, health or defense and provided the move is not considered to be detrimental or unsafe to the traveling public and the highway can accommodate the move. When such movements are authorized, the following conditions will apply:
    1. Special routing maybe required.
    2. Front and rear of movement shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set forth in rule 1680-7-1-.20.
    3. Escort as required in rule 1680-7-1-.02(3) shall have radio communications with the towed vehicle at all times. The escort shall be marked as hereinafter set forth in rule 1680-7-1-.21.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §55-7-205. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified June 10, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed July 1, 1982; effective August 2, 1982. Repeal and new rule filed October 31, 1985; effective November 30, 1985. Repeal and new rule filed June 19, 1991; effective August 3, 1991. Rule has been assigned a new control number from 1680-2-2-.10 filed and effective February 1, 2003.

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**1680-7-1-.11 CONDITIONS FOR PERMITTING OVERLENGTH MOVEMENTS.**

- (1) Length over seventy-five (75') feet, but not exceeding eighty-five (85') feet.
  - (a) No escort vehicle will be required.
  - (b) For lengths over seventy-five (75') feet, the front and rear movement shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.20. The rear sign shall be fitted with either a rotating amber light or a strobe type amber light which is visible from at least 500 feet and has a horizontal placement which shall be visible from all directions, three hundred sixty (360) degrees.
- (2) Length over eighty-five (85') feet, but not exceeding one hundred twenty (120') feet.
  - (a) One (1) escort vehicle shall immediately follow the movement.
  - (b) Front and rear of movement shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.20.
  - (c) The escort vehicle shall be marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.21.
- (3) Length in excess of one hundred twenty (120) feet.
  - (a) One (1) escort vehicle shall immediately precede and one (1) escort shall immediately follow the movement.
  - (b) Front and rear of movement shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.20.
  - (c) Each escort vehicle shall be marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.21.

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**1680-7-1-.12 TIME RESTRICTIONS.**

- (1) Overlength, overwidth or overheight movements are normally allowed during daylight hours only from sunrise to sunset on Monday through Saturday. However, because of traffic, movements eight-five feet (85') or greater in length and/or movements in excess of twelve feet six inches (12'6") in width will not be allowed within any city limits or any heavily traveled adjoining commercial or residential area between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (local time) from Monday through Friday.
- (2) Time of movement may be further restricted upon, among other things, type of load, traffic volume, roadway conditions, and route of move.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §55-7-205. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 1, 1982; effective August 2, 1982. Repeal and new rule filed October 31, 1985; effective November 30, 1985. Repeal and new rule filed June 19, 1991; effective August 3, 1991. Amendment filed January 25, 2001; effective May 31, 2001. Rule has been assigned a new control number from 1680-2-2-.12 filed and effective February 1, 2003.

(Rule 1680-7-1-.13, continued)

**1680-7-1-.13 CONDITIONS FOR MOVEMENT OF FIXED LOAD VEHICLES.**

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, special permits may be issued for operation of fixed load vehicles as defined in *T.C.A. §55-1-117*, on the state highway system including that portion designated as the interstate system, provided that in addition to all other applicable provisions of these rules, the following conditions are met:
  - (a) No single load bearing axle exceeds 24,000 lbs.
  - (b) No single axle in a tandem group exceeds 24,000 lbs.
  - (c) Maximum gross weight does not exceed 120,000 lbs.
  - (d) Routing does not include any posted bridge.
- (2) Special permits may be issued for fixed load vehicles for operation over the state highway system, other than that portion designated as the interstate system, provided that, in addition to all other applicable provisions of these rules, the following conditions are met:
  - (a) No front or steering axle exceeds 24,000 lbs.
  - (b) No drive axle exceeds 40,000 lbs.
  - (c) Maximum gross weight does not exceed 150,000 lbs.
  - (d) Routing does not include any posted bridge.
  - (e) Vehicle does not exceed crawl speed when crossing any bridge.
  - (f) No other traffic is permitted on the bridge being crossed.
  - (g) Permittee shall provide necessary flagging.

**Authority:** *T.C.A. §55-7-205. Administrative History: Original rule filed July 1, 1982; effective August 2, 1982. Repeal and new rule filed October 31, 1985; effective November 30, 1985. Repeal and new rule filed June 19, 1991; effective August 3, 1991. Rule has been assigned a new control number from 1680-2-2-.13 filed and effective February 1, 2003.*

**1680-7-1-.14 CONDITIONS FOR PERMITTING MOVEMENT OF SITE-BUILT HOUSES.**

Notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter to the contrary, special permits may be issued for the movement of site-built houses subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) All proposed site-built house movements over state highways shall be inspected by a representative of the Department within that region. The permit may be issued only after the representative of the Department is satisfied that such a move can be safely made over the proposed route.
- (2) No permits will be issued for movement of site-built houses on the interstate highway system within Tennessee.
- (3) Movements shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.20.

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- (4) Two (2) escort vehicles (one in front and one in rear) shall be required. Such vehicles shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.21.
- (5) Special Permits shall be valid for six (6) days.
- (6) All site-built houses shall be loaded and moved on trailers with steel beams on rubber dollies.
- (7) Prior to the issuance of any permit, the proposed route to be traveled shall be inspected by the proposed mover, and the applicant shall provide proof that all utility companies having above-ground facilities along the proposed route have been notified of the proposed move in writing.
- (8) At the discretion of the issuing authority, time of movement may be further restricted due to:
  - (a) Route to be traveled
  - (b) Weather conditions
  - (c) Traffic density
  - (d) Length of daylight hours
- (9) At the discretion of the issuing authority, a police escort may be required to accompany the movement.
- (10) Inspection of proposed site-built house movements may be obtained by contacting the following Department of Transportation regional offices.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Region 1, Maintenance Office TN Dept. of Transportation 7345 Region Lane Knoxville, TN 37914 Telephone No. (865) 594-9165</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(b) Region 2, Maintenance Office TN Dept. of Transportation P. O. Box 22368 Chattanooga, TN 37422-2368 Telephone No. (423) 510-1132</li></ol>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(c) Region 3, Traffic Office TN Dept. of Transportation 6601 Centennial Boulevard Nashville, TN 37243-0360 Telephone No. (615) 350-4336</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(d) Region 4, Maintenance Office TN Dept. of Transportation 300 Benchmark Place Jackson, TN 38301 Telephone No. (731) 935-0174</li></ol>

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**1680-7-1-.15 CONDITIONS FOR PERMITTING MOVEMENT OF MOBILE HOMES, MANUFACTURED HOMES, PORTABLE MODULAR UNITS OR HOUSE TRAILERS.**

- (1) Application and Scope of Rule.
  - (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter to the contrary, no mobile home, manufactured home, portable modular unit or house trailer as herein defined shall be moved into or through the State of Tennessee or upon the public roads or highways of this State unless and until the owner, operator or transporter thereof has obtained a permit as required under

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Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 4, and in accordance with the provisions of this Rule.

- (b) A mobile home, manufactured home, portable modular unit or house trailer (hereinafter referred to collectively as a “mobile home”) within the scope of this Rule shall include:
    - 1. Any self-propelled or non-self-propelled vehicle, with a length exceeding thirty-five feet (35’), so designed, constructed, reconstructed or added to by means of accessories in such manner as will permit the use thereof for human habitation, and so constructed to permit its being used as a conveyance upon public streets or highways; or
    - 2. Manufactured houses or portable modular units in excess of eight feet six inches (8’6”) in width or when towing vehicle and manufactured home are in excess of sixty feet (60’) in length.
  - (c) The other provisions of this Chapter shall apply to the movement of a mobile home; provided, however, that in the event of any conflict between the specific provisions of this Rule and any other provisions of this Chapter, the specific provisions of this Rule shall govern.
- (2) General Permit Requirements.
- (a) Any permit required under this Rule shall be issued only in the name of the owner of the mobile home or in the name of the owner of the motor carrier used to transport the mobile home.
  - (b) The permit shall be displayed in the vehicle used to transport the mobile home so as to be visible from outside the vehicle, and it shall be produced for inspection upon request by a representative of any law enforcement agency.
  - (c) A permit shall be required for each category of size (height, width, length and/or weight) in which the mobile home exceeds the normal size limits as provided in Paragraphs (5) through (8) of this Rule.
- (3) Duration and Renewal of Permits.
- (a) Short-term permits shall be valid for a period of six (6) days from the date of issuance, unless suspended in accordance with this Rule. The date of issuance and the expiration date shall be indicated on the permit.
  - (b) Annual permits, where allowed, shall be valid for a period of three hundred and sixty-five (365) days from the date of issuance, unless suspended in accordance with this Rule. The date of issuance and the expiration date shall be indicated on the permit.
  - (c) Upon a sufficient showing that an otherwise valid permit has been lost or destroyed prior to its expiration date, the Department of Transportation shall issue a renewal permit in place of the original permit. The renewal permit shall be valid from the date of its issuance up to the expiration date of the original permit, unless suspended in accordance with this Rule. If a lost permit is subsequently found, it shall be deemed void and ineffective when a renewal permit has been issued in accordance with this subparagraph.
  - (d) It shall be unlawful, and a violation of the terms of a permit issued under this Rule, to display an expired, invalid or suspended permit or to display more than one permit bearing the same permit number.

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- (4) Display of Placard.
  - (a) The Department of Transportation shall issue to all annual permit holders a placard bearing the same annual permit number and a telephone number to be used to report unsafe or erratic driving to the Department. There shall be only one placard issued for each annual permit.
  - (b) The transporter of any mobile home being moved under an annual permit shall prominently display the applicable placard on the rear of the mobile home. The annual permit number displayed on the placard must match the permit number on the annual permit displayed in the transporting vehicle as provided in Subparagraph (2)(b) of this Rule; provided, however, that if an annual permit has been replaced by a renewal permit, as provided in Subparagraph (3)(c) of this Rule, the placard may continue to bear the original annual permit number.
  - (c) Upon a sufficient showing that an otherwise valid placard has been lost or destroyed, and upon the receipt of a fifty dollar (\$50.00) replacement fee, the Department of Transportation shall issue a replacement placard bearing the same annual permit number as the original placard it replaces. If a lost placard is subsequently found, it shall be deemed void and ineffective when a replacement placard has been issued in accordance with this subparagraph. There shall be no reimbursement of the replacement fee.
  - (d) Upon the expiration of an annual permit, the placard bearing that annual permit number shall also expire.
  - (e) It shall be unlawful, and a violation of the terms of a permit issued under this Rule, to display an expired, invalid or suspended placard or to display more than one placard bearing the same annual permit number.
  - (f) Failure to properly display a placard as required in Tennessee Code Annotated § 54-4-411, and in accordance with the provisions of this Paragraph, is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- (5) Special Permit Requirements for Overlength Movements.
  - (a) A special permit shall be required for the movement of any mobile home exceeding sixty feet (60') in length, including the towing vehicle; provided, however, that if the mobile home is being transported under a valid annual overwidth permit, as provided in Paragraph (6) of this Rule, an additional special overlength permit shall only be required if the mobile home exceeds ninety feet (90') in length, including the towing vehicle.
  - (b) A special overlength permit authorized under this Paragraph shall be issued only on a single trip basis under a short-term permit valid for a period not to exceed six (6) days.
  - (c) The fee for each special overlength permit issued under this Paragraph shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
  - (d) A special overlength permit issued under this Paragraph shall be subject to such additional conditions as are prescribed in applicable provisions of Rule 1680-7-1-.11 governing overlength movements in general.
- (6) Special Permit Requirements for Overwidth Movements.

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- (a) A special permit shall be required for the movement of any mobile home exceeding eight feet six inches (8'6") in width.
  - (b) The movement of mobile homes exceeding 16 feet (16') in width shall not be permitted.
  - (c) Special overwidth permits authorized under this Paragraph may be issued on either a short-term basis for a period not to exceed six (6) days from the date of issuance or on an annual basis for a period not to exceed three hundred and sixty-five (365) days from the date of issuance.
  - (d) The fee schedule for each overwidth permit issued under this Paragraph shall be as follows:
    - 1. For mobile home widths from eight feet six inches (8'6") wide up to fourteen feet (14') wide:
      - (i) Short-term (6-day) permits: \$50.00
      - (ii) Annual (365-day) permits: \$1,000.00
    - 2. For mobile home widths from eight feet six inches (8'6") wide up to sixteen feet (16') feet wide:
      - (i) Short-term (6-day) permits: \$100.00
      - (ii) Annual (365-day) permits: \$2,000.00
  - (e) A special overwidth permit issued under this Paragraph shall be subject to such additional conditions as are prescribed in applicable provisions of Rule 1680-7-1-.06 governing overwidth movements in general.
- (7) Special Permit Requirements for Overheight Movements.
- (a) A special permit shall be required for the movement of any mobile home exceeding fourteen feet two inches (14'2") in height.
  - (b) The movement of mobile homes exceeding 15 feet six inches (15' 6") in height shall not be permitted.
  - (c) A special overheight permit authorized under this Paragraph shall be issued only on a short-term basis for a period not to exceed six (6) days, and it shall be subject to special routing instructions approved by the Department of Transportation.
  - (d) Each permit authorized under this Paragraph shall also be subject to such additional conditions as are prescribed in applicable provisions of Rule 1680-7-1-.10 governing overheight movements in general.
  - (e) The fee for each overheight permit issued under this Paragraph shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).
  - (f) The Department of Transportation shall make available, both in printed form and on the Department's official web site at [www.tdot.state.tn.us](http://www.tdot.state.tn.us), a list of overpasses on public roads within the State of Tennessee that have been identified as having a minimum vertical clearance above the roadway of less than fourteen feet six inches (14'6").

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1. This list shall be updated at least monthly on the Department's web site and at least annually in printed form. The Department shall charge a fee for the printed list sufficient to offset the administrative cost of compiling, updating, printing and shipping the list.
2. The Department of Transportation makes no representations, and expressly disclaims any warranty, that the information it provides in any list of overpasses on public roads is current or accurate. The information provided in these lists is generated from bridge inspections conducted on a biennial basis. Actual vertical clearances may be subject to change beyond the control or knowledge of the Department, and the posted vertical clearances may vary from the information provided in the Department's list.
3. At all times, the affirmative duty to determine that the route traveled will allow the safe passage of the mobile home shall remain with the transporter and/or seller of the mobile home, as provided in Paragraph (11) below, and nothing in this Paragraph or this Rule shall be construed as shifting this duty to the Department of Transportation.

(8) Special Permit Requirements for Overweight Movements.

The movement of mobile homes shall be subject to other provisions of this Chapter pertaining to excess weight, including without limitation Rule 1680-7-1-.09.

(9) Timing of Movements.

- (a) The movement of mobile homes subject to this Rule shall be permitted only from sunrise to sunset, Monday through Saturday; provided, however, that movements of mobile homes shall not be permitted on legal holidays as enumerated in Tennessee Code Annotated § 15-1-101, including New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Washington Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (9)(a) of this Rule, the movement of mobile homes eighty-five feet (85') or greater in length, or fourteen feet (14') or greater in width, or fourteen feet two inches (14'2") or greater in height, is prohibited in heavily traveled urban areas between the hours of seven o'clock a.m. (7:00 a.m.) to nine o'clock a.m. (9:00 a.m.) and between the hours of four o'clock p.m. (4:00 p.m.) to six o'clock p.m. (6:00 p.m.).

(10) Safety Precautions and Equipment.

- (a) The transporter of any mobile home subject to this Rule shall at all times comply with applicable statutes, rules and ordinances governing the operation of motor vehicles on public roads and/or the maintenance of appropriate safety equipment on motor vehicles.
- (b) The transporter of a mobile home, and the seller of the mobile home if the seller is someone other than the transporter, shall have the affirmative duty to assure that the undercarriage for the mobile home is equipped with adequate brakes that are operated from the towing vehicle. This affirmative duty shall be primarily the transporter's duty; the seller shall be secondarily liable.
- (c) Any violation of the provisions of this Paragraph shall be deemed a violation of the terms of a permit, if any, issued under this Rule.

(11) Duty to Determine Safe Route for Movement.

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- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Rule, the transporter of a mobile home, and the seller of the mobile home if the seller is someone other than the transporter, shall have the affirmative duty to determine that the route over which the mobile home is to be transported allows for the safe passage of the mobile home, taking into account the size, including especially the height and width, of the mobile home. This affirmative duty shall be primarily the transporter's duty; the seller shall be secondarily liable.
- (b) The affirmative duty to determine that the route will allow safe passage of the mobile home, based on its height and width, may be met by the use of a front escort vehicle having protrusions equal to the height and width of the mobile home. It shall not be sufficient to meet this duty by relying on highway signs or other information regarding highway clearances that may be provided by the Department of Transportation or any local government.
- (c) At all times, the affirmative duty to determine that the route traveled will allow the safe passage of the mobile home shall remain with the transporter and/or seller of the mobile home, and nothing in this Rule shall be construed as shifting this duty to the Department of Transportation.

(12) Enforcement.

- (a) Section 55-4-412 of the Tennessee Code provides that any person who transports a mobile home, manufactured home, portable modular unit or house trailer, as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated § 55-4-402, over any public street, road or highway within the State of Tennessee in violation of the provisions of Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 4, of the Tennessee Code commits a Class B misdemeanor punishable as follows:
  - 1. By a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the first offense within a twelve (12) month period;
  - 2. By a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the second offense within a twelve (12) month period; and
  - 3. By a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and a ninety (90) day revocation of any driver's license for the third or any subsequent offense within a twelve (12) month period.
- (b) Within thirty (30) days of conviction for a violation of the provisions of Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 4, as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated § 55-4-412, the clerk of the court of conviction shall give notice of such conviction to the Department of Transportation.
- (c) Upon receipt of notice of that a person has been convicted of a third violation within a twelve (12) month period, the Department of Transportation shall:
  - 1. Suspend the subject permit involved in the third violation; and
  - 2. Suspend the permit holder's privilege to obtain other permits under this Rule.
  - 3. These suspensions shall be effective for a period of ninety (90) days from the date on which the Department receives notice of the third violation; provided, however, that nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed as:
    - (i) Prohibiting multiple permit holders from using other valid permits not subject to suspension;

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- (ii) Prohibiting multiple permit holders from obtaining a short-term overheight or overlength permit, as provided in Paragraphs (5) and (7) of this Rule, to supplement an otherwise valid annual overwidth permit not subject to suspension; or
- (iii) Prohibiting multiple permit holders from renewing an otherwise valid permit not subject to suspension, as provided in Subparagraph (3)(c) of this Rule.

(13) Liability.

- (a) The transporter of any mobile home subject to the provisions of this Rule shall be liable for any and all damages resulting from the mobile home striking a guardrail, bridge, concrete barrier, overhead structure or other obstruction while traveling on the public roads or highways of this State.
- (b) If during transport a mobile home subject to the provisions of this Rule blocks traffic on a controlled-access facility, as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated § 54-16-101, because such mobile home cannot proceed due to height, width or length, the transporter thereof shall be subject to the following:
  - 1. The transporter shall pay to the Department of Transportation a road user fee in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); and
  - 2. The Department of Transportation shall suspend the subject permit involved in the incident and the permit holder's privilege to obtain other permits under this Rule for a period of ninety (90) days from the date the Department receives notice that the roadway was blocked; provided, however, that nothing in this part shall be construed as:
    - (i) Prohibiting multiple permit holders from using other valid permits not subject to suspension;
    - (ii) Prohibiting multiple permit holders from obtaining a short-term overheight or overlength permit, as provided in Paragraphs (5) and (7) of this Rule, to supplement an otherwise valid annual overwidth permit not subject to suspension; or
    - (iii) Prohibiting multiple permit holders from renewing an otherwise valid permit not subject to suspension, as provided in Subparagraph (3)(c) of this Rule.
- (c) If the same permit holder blocks traffic on a controlled-access facility a second time within eighteen (18) months after the date of the first such occurrence, the transporter shall be subject to the following:
  - 1. The transporter shall pay to the Department of Transportation a road user fee in an amount calculated by the Department using the same formula it uses to calculate incentive payments on road construction projects; and
  - 2. The Department of Transportation shall suspend the subject permit involved in the incident and the permit holder's privilege to obtain other permits under this Rule for a period of ninety (90) days, as provided in Part (b)2 of this Paragraph.
- (d) If the transporter fails to pay any road user fee required under this Paragraph within thirty (30) days of the date the road is blocked, the transporter's privilege to obtain permits under this Rule

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shall be suspended in all respects whatsoever until full payment is made. The Department is authorized to take legal action to collect the fee.

- (e) Any person or entity transporting a mobile home subject to the provisions of this Rule shall secure and maintain public liability insurance in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence. Such insurance shall cover the tractor, mobile home and any other attachments thereto. Proof of such insurance shall be carried in the vehicle used to transport the mobile home, and satisfactory proof of such insurance shall be provided to the Department of Transportation prior to the issuance of any permit under this Rule.
- (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the State of Tennessee and any political subdivision thereof shall be absolutely immune from liability for all damages resulting from a mobile home striking a guardrail, bridge, concrete barrier, overhead structure or other obstruction while traveling on the public roads or highways of the State.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§55-4-401 through 55-4-413, 55-7-205, and 55-11-205. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 1, 1982; effective August 2, 1982. Amendment filed December 7, 1983; effective January 6, 1984. Repeal and new rule filed October 31, 1985; effective November 30, 1985. Amendment filed December 8, 1987; effective January 23, 1988. Repeal and new rule filed June 19, 1991; effective August 3, 1991. Amendment filed July 8, 1991; effective August 22, 1991. Amendment filed August 29, 1996; effective December 27, 1996. Amendment filed September 30, 2002; effective January 28, 2003. Rule has been assigned a new control number from 1680-2-2-.15 filed and effective February 1, 2003.

#### **1680-7-1-.16 CONDITIONS FOR PERMITTING MOVEMENT OF HOUSEBOATS.**

Houseboats not exceeding eighteen feet (18') in width may be transported on the highways, but any such boat in excess of eight feet six inches (8'6") shall be subject to the fees provided in T.C.A. §55-7-205, and to the following requirements:

- (1) Movements over eight feet six inches (8'6") wide but not exceeding ten feet (10') wide: No escorts, special signs, lights and/or markings will be required.
- (2) Movements over ten feet (10') wide but not exceeding twelve feet six inches (12'6") wide:
  - (a) No escort will be required to accompany the movement on the interstate highway system, four-lane highways or two-lane highways with a minimum pavement width (excluding paved shoulders) of twenty four feet (24').
  - (b) One (1) escort vehicle is required to precede the movement where the minimum pavement width (excluding paved shoulders) is less than twenty-four feet (24').
  - (c) A flagperson will be required at all bridge structures where the roadway width is less than twenty feet (20').
  - (d) The front and rear of the movement shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.20.
  - (e) Escort vehicles shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.21.
  - (f) At the discretion of the issuing authority, time of movement may be restricted due to:

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1. Route to be traveled
  2. Weather conditions
  3. Traffic density
  4. Length of daylight hours
- (3) Movements over twelve feet six inches (12'6") wide but not exceeding fourteen feet (14') wide:
- (a) One (1) escort vehicle is required to follow the movement on the interstate highway system or four-lane highways.
  - (b) One (1) escort vehicle is required to precede the movement on two-lane highways.
  - (c) A flagperson will be required at all bridge structures where the roadway width is less than twenty feet (20').
  - (d) The front and rear of the movement shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.20.
  - (e) Escort vehicles shall be marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.21.
  - (f) The towing vehicle for fourteen feet (14') wide movements must be at least fourteen feet six inches (14'6") in length.
  - (g) The towing vehicle and escort vehicles shall be so equipped as to be in radio communication at all times during movement.
  - (h) At the discretion of the issuing authority, time of movement may be restricted due to:
    1. Route to be traveled
    2. Weather conditions
    3. Traffic density
    4. Length of daylight hours
- (4) Movements over fourteen feet (14') wide but not exceeding sixteen feet (16') wide:
- (a) Front and rear escort vehicles are required on all highways.
  - (b) A flagperson will be required at all bridge structures where the roadway width is less than twenty feet (20').
  - (c) The front and rear of the movement shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set forth in rule 1680-7-1-.20.
  - (d) Escort vehicles shall be marked as hereinafter set forth in rule 1680-7-1-.21.
  - (e) The towing vehicle must be at least fourteen feet six inches (14'6") in length.
  - (f) The towing vehicles and escort vehicles shall be so equipped as to be in radio communication at all times during movement.
  - (g) Movements shall only be made Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (local time) on Saturday from sunrise to sunset. No annual permits shall be issued.

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- (h) At the discretion of the issuing authority, time of movement may be further restricted due to:
  - 1. Route to be traveled
  - 2. Weather conditions
  - 3. Traffic density
  - 4. Length of daylight hours
  
- (5) Movements over sixteen feet (16') wide but not exceeding seventeen feet (17') wide:
  - (a) Front and rear escort vehicles are required on all highways.
  - (b) A flagperson will be required at all bridge structures where the roadway width is less than twenty feet (20').
  - (c) The front and rear of the movement shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.20.
  - (d) Escort vehicles shall be marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.21.
  - (e) The towing vehicle must be at least fourteen feet six inches (14'6") in length.
  - (f) The towing vehicle and escort vehicles shall be so equipped as to be in radio communication at all times during movement.
  - (g) Special permits may be issued for movements Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (local time), and shall only be valid for three (3) of any said week days. No annual permits shall be issued.
  - (h) At the discretion of the issuing authority, time of movement may be further restricted due to:
    - 1. Route to be traveled
    - 2. Weather conditions
    - 3. Traffic density
    - 4. Length of daylight hours
  
- (6) Movements over seventeen feet (17') wide but not exceeding eighteen feet (18') wide:
  - (a) Three (3) escort vehicles are required on all highways. Two (2) escort vehicles are required to precede the movement. One (1) escort vehicle is required to follow the movement.
  - (b) A flagperson will be required at all bridge structures where the roadway width is less than twenty feet (20').
  - (c) The front and rear of the movement shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.20.
  - (d) Escort vehicles shall be marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.21.
  - (e) The towing vehicle must be at least fourteen feet six inches (14'6") in length.

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- (f) The towing vehicle and escort vehicles shall be so equipped as to be in radio communication at all times during movement.
- (g) Special permits may be issued for movements Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (local time), and shall only be valid for three (3) of the said week days. No annual permits shall be issued.
- (h) At the discretion of the issuing authority, time of movement may be further restricted due to:
  - 1. Route to be traveled
  - 2. Weather conditions
  - 3. Traffic density
  - 4. Length of daylight hours

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§55-7-202 and 55-7-205. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed June 19, 1991; effective August 3, 1991. Amendment filed August 29, 1996; effective December 27, 1996. Amendment filed February 25, 2000; effective June 28, 2000. Amendment filed January 25, 2001; effective May 31, 2001. Rule has been assigned a new control number from 1680-2-2-.16 filed and effective February 1, 2003.

**1680-7-1-.17 CONDITIONS FOR PERMITTING MOVEMENT OF SEALED CONTAINERIZED (OCEAN GOING) CARGO UNITS.**

- (1) Sealed containerized cargo units will be considered as nondivisible loads and overweight trip permits will be issued to operate vehicles hauling such units on the State, or Federal highway systems, subject to the following restrictions:
  - (a) Such containerized cargo units must be part of international trade and be moved on the highways due to importation from, or exportation to, another country.
  - (b) A copy of the international bill of lading signed by a custom's official, or an international bill of lading with an equipment interchange and inspection report must be submitted to the TDOT Permit Section before a permit will be issued.
  - (c) The operators of such units shall at all times have in their possession a copy of the documents as described in (b) above.
  - (d) All vehicles operating under a sealed containerized cargo unit permit shall have a minimum of five (5) full-time load bearing axles and shall not exceed twenty thousand (20,000) lbs. per axle, or total gross vehicle weight of ninety thousand (90,000) lbs.
  - (e) All vehicles operating under a sealed containerized cargo unit permit must be legal width, length, and height.
  - (f) All vehicles permitted for movement of overweight sealed containerized units are authorized 24 hours continuous movement Monday through Sunday with normal travel conditions.
  - (g) All permits will be issued for a duration of six (6) days, and will only be valid for one (1) move.
- (2) Annual Permits will be available for the movement of sealed containerized cargo units from the Department of Transportation subject to the following restrictions:
  - (a) Such containerized cargo units must be part of international trade and be moved on the highways due to importation from, or exportation to, another country.
  - (b) All vehicles operating under a sealed containerized cargo unit permit must be legal width, length, and height.
  - (c) Application for a permit must be made in writing to the Tennessee Department of Transportation, before a permit will be issued.
  - (d) A specified route to be traveled from port to city, or city to port must be determined, and the specified route must be strictly adhered to, or the permit will be considered void. These routes must be established by the Department of Transportation, and the permittee. The annual permit is for multiple trips utilizing the same route.
  - (e) All vehicles operating under a sealed containerized cargo unit permit must have a permit in possession at all times, and the permit must be accompanied by a copy of a bill of lading, or shipping ticket showing the origin, and destination of the container being moved.
  - (f) All vehicles operating under a sealed containerized cargo unit permit shall have a minimum of five (5) fulltime load bearing axles and shall not exceed twenty thousand (20,000) lbs. per axle, or total gross vehicle weight of ninety thousand (90,000) lbs.

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- (g) All vehicles permitted for movement of overweight sealed containerized cargo units are authorized 24 hours continuous movement, Monday through Sunday with normal travel conditions.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §55-7-205. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 1995; effective April 29, 1996. Amendment filed May 22, 1997; effective September 28, 1997. Rule has been assigned a new control number from 1680-2-2-.17 filed and effective February 1, 2003.

**1680-7-1-.18 CONDITIONS FOR PERMITTING MOVEMENT OF ROOF TRUSSES.**

- (1) For movements not exceeding ten (10) feet wide, no escort vehicle, special signs, lights, and or markings shall be required.
- (2) Movements over ten (10) feet wide, but not exceeding twelve (12) feet wide:
  - (a) No escort vehicle shall be required to accompany the movement on the Interstate highway system, four (4) lane highways, or two (2) lane highways with a minimum pavement (roadway surface) width of twenty-four (24) feet.
  - (b) One (1) escort vehicle shall be required to precede the movement where the minimum pavement (roadway surface) width is less than twenty-four (24) feet.
  - (c) A flagperson shall be required at all bridge structures where the roadway width is less than twenty (20) feet.
  - (d) The front and rear of the movement shall be appropriately signed and marked.
  - (e) Escort vehicles shall be appropriately marked.
- (3) Movements over twelve (12) feet wide, but not exceeding fourteen (14) feet wide:
  - (a) Front and rear escort vehicles shall be required on all two (2) lane highways. Front escort vehicles shall not be required on Interstate highways or four (4) lane highways. Front and rear escort vehicles shall be required on Interstate highways where two (2) lanes are traveled.
  - (b) Towing vehicles and escort vehicles shall be so equipped as to be in radio communication at all times during movement.
  - (c) The front and rear of the movement shall be appropriately signed and marked.
  - (d) Escort vehicles shall be appropriately marked.
  - (e) Towing vehicles for fourteen foot (14') wide movements shall be at least fourteen feet six inches (14'6") in length.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §55-7-205. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 1995; effective April 29, 1996. Rule has been assigned a new control number from 1680-2-2-.18 filed and effective February 1, 2003.

**1680-7-1-.19 CONDITIONS FOR PERMITTING MOVEMENT OF OFF-THE-ROAD VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT OVER STATE HIGHWAYS.**

- (1) Any rubber-tired mobile construction vehicle or equipment carrying no load other than its own weight, which has been reduced in size and/or weight until further reduction is impractical and is mounted on pneumatic tires, may be permitted to move over designated Tennessee State Highways.
- (2) If any axle exceeds the weight allowed by law for that particular axle, a special permit is required.
- (3) In no case may any axle weight exceed 24,000 pounds.
- (4) If width or length exceeds those allowed by law, a special permit is required.
- (5) Front and rear of movement shall be signed and marked as hereinafter set out in rule 1680-7-1-.20.

*Authority:* T.C.A. §55-7-205. *Administrative History:* Original rule filed July 1, 1982; effective August 2, 1982. Repeal and new rule filed October 31, 1985; effective November 30, 1985. Repeal and new rule filed June 19, 1991; effective August 3, 1991. Amendment filed August 29, 1996; effective December 27, 1996. Rule has been assigned a new control number from 1680-2-2-.19 filed and effective February 1, 2003.

**1680-7-1-.20 SIGNS AND MARKINGS ON MOVEMENTS.**

- (1) All movement exceeding ten (10) feet in width and/or seventy-five (75) feet in length shall bear information signs.
- (2) Adequate markings shall be provided to outline the extremities of the load.
  - (a) Overwidth and/or overlength movements shall bear a sign reading "OVERSIZE LOAD" mounted on the front and rear of the movement.
    1. Signs shall be at least seven (7) feet long and eighteen (18) inches high. The background shall be yellow and the lettering black. Letters shall be at least ten (10) inches high with a 1 5/8 inch stroke. Each letter shall be solid. Gaps within the stroke of letter are not permitted.
    2. Signs shall be durable wood or metal construction. Heavy canvas or cloth signs, otherwise meeting same requirements, will be permitted if they can be securely fastened to the movement against a flat surface backing up the entire area of the sign.
    3. Signs shall be in a good state of repair, clean and readable.
  - (b) Additional Requirements for Overwidth Movements.
    1. Red flags shall be fastened to the load (front and rear) at the top and bottom of each side which is widest. Flags shall extend from the load in a manner in which they will be visible to traffic approaching both the front and rear. If the widest part of the load is between the top and the bottom, flags shall be placed at this point both front and rear.
    2. All warning flags shall be of solid red color and at least eighteen (18) inches square.
  - (c) Additional Requirements for Overlength Movements.

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1. In addition to required signs described in (2)(a) of this rule, red flags shall be conspicuously displayed at the extreme rear end of overlength loads.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §55-7-205. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 1, 1982; effective August 2, 1982. Repeal and new rule filed October 31, 1985; effective November 30, 1985. Repeal and new rules filed June 19, 1991; effective August 3, 1991. (Formerly numbered 1680-2-2-.18). Rule has been assigned a new control number from 1680-2-2-.20 filed and effective February 1, 2003.

**1680-7-1-.21 ESCORT VEHICLE SIGNS, MARKINGS AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS.**

- (1) Escort vehicles shall comply with the following requirements.
  - (a) The escort vehicle must be a vehicle weighing more than 2,000 pounds with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating less than 10,000 pounds and must be properly licensed, which is to be used to escort one or more other vehicles, when required, due to the vehicle(s) size or character or load, in accordance with the conditions set forth in a permit issued by the appropriate state agency.
  - (b) Identification signs or placards showing the name of the company or the owner or driver of the escort vehicle must be in a conspicuous place on both the right and left sides. The signs or placards shall be at least 8" x 12" and shall also contain the telephone number of the owner or driver plainly legible and visible to the motoring public.
  - (c) All escort vehicles must be equipped with either a rotating amber light or a strobe type amber light which is visible from at least 500 feet and has a horizontal placement which shall be visible from all directions three hundred sixty (360) degrees.
  - (d) Escort vehicles shall display bumper mounted or roof mounted yellow sign(s) reading "OVERSIZE LOAD" with black letters a minimum of ten (10) inches high, one and one-half (1-1/2) inch wide brush stroke, which must be visible from front and rear.
  - (e) Signs shall be of durable wood or metal construction. Heavy canvas or cloth signs, otherwise meeting same requirements will be permitted if they can be securely fastened to the escort vehicle against a flat surface backing up the entire area of the sign.
  - (f) Signs shall be in a good state of repair, clean and readable at all times.
  - (g) Two flags, either red or fluorescent orange in color, which must be at least 18" in size, shall be mounted at approximately a 40 to 70 degree angle on the escort vehicle's roof rack.
  - (h) During escort operations, all escort vehicles shall have on-board the following equipment and such equipment shall be in working order:
    1. Operable two-way electronic communications
    2. Two 5-pound fire extinguishers
    3. Stop and go paddle (18" with 6" letters).
    4. Safety orange vest, shirt, or jacket.

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5. Red hand-held flag (18" in size).
6. Two oversized load banners (yellow w/black lettering).
7. Hard hat (no color specified)
8. Reflecting triangles or 18" traffic cones.
9. Additional equipment recommended, but not mandated:
  - (i) Hand-held two-way electronic communications.
  - (ii) Flares
  - (iii) Map(s)
  - (iv) Height indicator.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §55-7-205. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 1, 1982; effective August 2, 1982. Repeal and new rule filed October 31, 1985; effective November 30, 1985. Repeal and new rule filed June 19, 1991; effective August 3, 1991. Amendment filed December 28, 1995; effective April 29, 1996. Rule has been assigned a new control number from 1680-2-2-.21 filed and effective February 1, 2003.

**1680-7-1-.22 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.**

- (1) Any person, firm, company, corporation or other who undertakes the movement of any overweight and/or overdimensional article and/or commodity on the highways of the State of Tennessee shall hold the State of Tennessee, its officers and employees, harmless from any claims for damages resulting from the exercise of any of the privileges granted under the Special Permit so issued for such overweight and/or overdimensional movement, and to this end, shall carry liability insurance with an Insuror, acceptable to the Commissioner of Transportation, and shall furnish a certificate of insurance to the Commissioner of Transportation, in the amount of not less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for each claimant injured and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence.
- (2) The certificate of insurance shall provide that the Insuror shall give, to the Department of Transportation of the State of Tennessee, written notice of intention to terminate said required insurance by certified mail, said termination to become effective thirty (30) days after receipt of said notice from the Insuror by the Department of Transportation.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §55-7-205. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 1, 1982; effective August 2, 1982. Repeal and rule filed October 31, 1985; effective November 30, 1985. Repeal and new rule filed June 19, 1991; effective August 3, 1991. Amendment filed February 25, 2000; effective June 28, 2000. Rule has been assigned a new control number from 1680-2-2-.22 filed and effective February 1, 2003.

**1680-7-1-.23 BOND OR PROOF OF SOLVENCY REQUIREMENTS.**

- (1) The Commissioner may require, as a condition of the issuance of a permit under these rules, that an applicant shall agree to and give bond with surety (unless an applicant shall by sworn statement furnish satisfactory proof of the applicant's own solvency to the authority issuing the permit) to indemnify the state and/or counties thereof, against damages to roads, or bridges, resulting from the

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use thereof by the applicant. Each such permit and bond, if the Commissioner so authorizes, may cover more than one vehicle operated by the same applicant.

- (2) The bond required shall be in a form acceptable to the Department and in an amount, as determined by the Department, sufficient to indemnify the state and/or counties for the potential damages to roads and bridges resulting from the applicant's use.
- (3) A sworn statement furnishing satisfactory proof of the applicant's solvency shall mean an audited financial statement, certified by a certified public accountant, showing net assets of the applicant in an amount, as determined by the Department, sufficient to indemnify the state and/or counties for the potential damages to roads and bridges resulting from the applicant's use.

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**1680-7-1-.24 FEES.**

The Commissioner of Transportation shall charge fees for granting special permits in accordance with the following schedules.

- (1) Excessive Width:
  - (a) Not more than ten feet (10'): \$10.00
  - (b) Over ten feet (10') but not more than twelve feet (12'): \$15.00
  - (c) Over twelve feet (12') but not more than fourteen feet (14'): \$25.00
  - (d) Over fourteen feet (14') but not more than sixteen feet (16'): \$30.00
  - (e) Over sixteen feet (16'): \$30.00 plus \$5.00 for each additional foot or fraction thereof greater than seventeen feet (17'), except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (f).
  - (f) For houseboats over seventeen feet (17'): \$2,500.00 plus \$100.00 for each additional inch or fraction thereof greater than eighteen feet (18').
- (2) Excessive Height or Length:

\$15.00
- (3) Excessive Weight:

\$15.00 plus 5 cents per ton mile
- (4) Evaluation of Bridges and Similar Structures:

Movements weighing over two hundred thousand but not more than three hundred thousand pounds, \$100.00

Movements weighing over three hundred thousand but not more than five hundred thousand pounds, \$300.00

Movements weighing over five hundred thousand but not more than one million pounds, \$500.00

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(5) Annual Permits:

Annual Permits may be obtained for overdimensional and/or overweight vehicles at a cost of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per year for weights up to 120,000 lbs., and for one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per year for weights in excess of 120,000 lbs.

Individual owners of overdimensional boats used strictly for non-commercial pleasure may obtain annual permits for double the amount of the regular fee for a single trip permit for the particular movement.

Annual permits are available for manufactured roof trusses not to exceed fourteen (14') feet wide for a fee of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

Annual Permits are available for sealed containerized cargo units for a fee of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

(6) Multi State Permitting

A permit for movement through more than one state may be obtained by application submitted by phone or facsimile through a qualified Multi-State Permit Agent. All requests must be ordered with a 24 hour lead time to coordinate all states effective dates and times, and conform to the guidelines as represented in the SASHTO Agreement in the Multi State Permitting Manual.

(7) Authorized Vendor Stations

(a) Permits (except annual permits) may be received and paid for through the various authorized vendor stations. At the present time these vendors are:

1. Best Permit Agency
2. Comdata Network, Inc.
3. Interstate Permit Service, Inc.
4. Jet Permit
5. Maryland Permit Service
6. Nova Permits & Pilot Cars
7. Permits, Inc.
8. State Permits
9. The Permit Company
10. Trans Mid-America, Inc.
11. Transport Permits
12. Xero-Fax, Inc.

(b) Special permits pertaining to overweight and/or overdimensional movements may be obtained only from the Department of Transportation (telephone #: (615) 741-3821).

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